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Sir:

It is noted that several errors appear in the above-identified patent. The exact locations and nature of these errors are as follows:

Column 5, Claim 3, Line 22 Change "coil" to --cell--

Column 6, Claim 4, Line 1 Change "stout" to --stent--

Column 6, Claim 5, Line 3 Change "stunt" to --stent--

A copy of the Amendment for this case filed January 17, 2005 is enclosed. As claims 25, 26, and 27 which issued as claims 3, 4, and 5 were allowed in the form presented in this

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Amendment, the issued claims should read as found in the Amendment and should be corrected as noted above. Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that these errors are of a clerical error and attributable solely to Office mistake. Accordingly, a Certificate of Correction is requested. Attached hereto in duplicate is Form PTO-1050 with at least one copy being suitable for printing. Please send the Certificate of Correction to the undersigned at the address noted. If there are any questions regarding this Request, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite issuance of the Certificate.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-entitled application. In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Response under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116(a) in that the amendment and remarks below place the application and claims in condition for allowance, or, at least, present the application in better form for appeal. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following are respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Claims

1-22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously presented) A tubular stent comprising:

a longitudinal cylindrical base structure having a first end portion, a second end portion, and a mid-portion interposed between the first and second end portions, the first and second end portions having a first pattern and the mid portion having a second pattern different from the first pattern, the second pattern including a plurality of articulations,

a plurality of linear strut members connecting the mid portion to the first and second end portions, wherein the mid portion includes a plurality of articulations; and

a surface coating having at least two layers coating the longitudinal cylindrical base structure, wherein the surface coating includes a drug inhibiting restenosis, with the drug having a higher concentration at the first and second end portions than at the mid portion.

24. (Previously presented) The tubular stent of claim 23, wherein the plurality of articulations are a plurality of undulating members.

25. (Previously presented) The tubular stent of claim 23, wherein the first pattern is an open cell design and the second pattern is a closed cell design.

26. (Previously presented) The tubular stent of claim 23, wherein the longitudinal cylindrical base structure is made of a metal.

27. (Withdrawn) The tubular stent of claim 23, wherein the longitudinal cylindrical base structure has a thickness greater at the first and second end portions than at the mid portion.

28. (Canceled)

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29. (Currently amended) The tubular stent of claim 23, wherein the at least two layers comprise a material selected from the group consisting of metallic material, biological material, radiopaque material, synthetic material, polymeric material, and combinations thereof.

30. (Withdrawn) The tubular stent of claim 23, wherein the at least two layers have a thickness greater on the first and second end portions than on the mid portion.

31. (Currently amended) The tubular stent of claim ~~claims~~ 23, wherein the at least two layers have a thickness of less than about 10 micron.

32-36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously presented) The tubular stent of claim 23, wherein the longitudinal cylindrical base structure has a thickness about twenty-five percent greater at the first and second end portions than at the mid portion.

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Remarks

Claims 2, 23-27, 29-31, and 37 remain in this application and are presented for the Examiner's review and consideration. Applicant has amended claims 29 and 31. Claims 1-22, 28, and 32-36 are canceled. Applicant believes the amendments and remarks herein serve to place this application in better condition for allowance and are independent of patentability.

Allowed Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 23-26, 29, and 31 were indicated as being allowed.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

Claims 1, 2, 13-15, 29, 31, and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,375,677 to Penn *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,174,329 to Callol *et al.* In response, Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 13-15. It should be understood that these claims are being canceled to expedite prosecution, and the cancellation should not be construed as an admission that the rejection is proper. With respect to claims 31 and 37, Applicant submits that these claims depend from allowed claim 23. Based on at least their dependencies, Applicant submits that claims 31 and 37 should be allowed as well.

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Withdrawn Claims

Applicant respectfully requests that withdrawn claims 27 and 30 be reinstated. These claims depend from allowed claim 23. As such, based on at least their dependencies, Applicant submits that claims 27 and 30 should be allowed as well.

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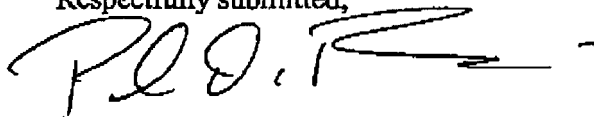
In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If any questions remain regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the

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